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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Staff Meeting Minutes of 28 January 1981

Mr. Casey chaired the meeting. []

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Mr. Casey will be sworn in in his office by the General Counsel today.

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Mr. Casey reported on the 26 January NSC meeting on terrorism where the discussion centered on the President's desire to scale-down the restrictions imposed by E.O. 12036 and legislation on the collection of information on terrorists. Mr. Casey advised Silver that the paper giving Agency views on the subject be ready by the week of 2 February. Hitz noted that the SSCI was considering the FOIA and Identities legislation in this context and asked if these two subjects should be incorporated in the Agency paper. Mr. Casey said they should because he wanted an independent Agency view on the whole problem. (Action: GC) []

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A general discussion ensued in response to Mr. Casey's question about the continuation of the planning process begun by Mr. Carlucci. Lipton pointed out its value to the budget process and mentioned the role of the Executive Committee. McMahon and Briggs agreed that the planning process should continue. In response to Bross's question about how the basic assumptions in the planning process were developed, Clarke said that the way long-range planning worked was not to try in advance to develop a comprehensive view of how the world would look five or seven years from now but to have subjects broken down so people could work against these subjects in terms of how we are today and where we should be headed. []

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Mr. Casey said he was meeting Senator Wallop today to discuss the budget. [] will provide a summary of the budget supplemental for Mr. Casey's use at the meeting. Hitz said he would like to discuss Angelo Codevilla's request to have Senator Wallop read the transition paper on the budget, and [] said it would be useful if he accompanied Hitz. []

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[] reported he would represent Mr. Casey at the 28 January Joint Reconnaissance Center briefing on the procedural mechanisms used to generate and execute the monthly reconnaissance schedule. []

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Briggs reported that DIA had convened a meeting with CIA and FBI representatives to discuss whether or not [] should continue to be carried as a missing person. It was decided that [] should continue to be listed as missing person. []

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Clarke said he would be forwarding, for Mr. Casey's and the Secretary of Defense's signature, a memorandum to the President forwarding the memorandum on Soviet strategic forces. []

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Clarke noted that NFAC was continuing to monitor the Polish situation. Lehman discussed in detail how the Soviets view the situation and their possible courses of action. Lehman said that [] appear shortly laying out the Soviet leadership's dilemma on how to handle the situation. []

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Hitz reminded Mr. Casey of the briefing before the House Armed Services Committee on 29 January and recommended that he open the session by presenting the opening statement as he did at the Senate Armed Services Committee briefing. Mr. Casey agreed and said he would like his opening statement modified. []

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Fitzwater precipitated a discussion of the hiring freeze and the effect it will have on the Agency and advised that he was circulating a related Agency-wide notice. He recommended that Agency-wide vacancy notices be discontinued for the duration of the freeze, and following a brief discussion, Mr. Casey concurred. Mr. Casey asked Fitzwater for a memorandum laying out the effects of the hiring freeze on the Agency. Mr. Casey said he had read Fitzwater's paper requesting exemptions to the freeze and asked that it be made more specific before he uses it. (Action: D/PPP&M) []

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Lehman said the comprehensive assessment on Soviet and proxy activities in Africa which Mr. Casey requested will be completed in February. []

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